THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Automotive Mission Plan (AMP), launched on 29.1.2007, is for the period 2006-16. It is thus too early to comment on the progress made under this plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Ministry of Heavy Industries has requested for extending excise duty concession to all cars of the length upto 3800mm as per Auto Policy 2002 irrespective of engine size.

(d) The request was examined but was not accepted.

(e) As per Automotive Mission Plan, the estimated output would require incremental investment of USD 35-40 billion by 2016.

Excise exemption for SSIs

2344. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent findings of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy estimates a revenue loss of more than Rs. 13,500 crores a year to the Centre from excise exemption to small scale units has occurred;

(b) whether the report has called for a reduction in the level of excise exemption for the SSI sector on the lines of Kelkar Task Force recommendations; and

(c) whether Government feel that the calculation methodology adopted by the NIPFP is reliable and therefore aceptable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) in its Working Paper 2, 2005 on Raising the Tax-Ratio by Reining in the "Tax-Breaks" 'An Agenda for Action', has

estimated excise revenue forgone, on account of SSI exemption scheme at Rs. 12,560 crores for the financial year 2004-2005.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) NIPFP study has estiamted revenue loss based on certain assumptions and available data. It is a study done by an Institution, and it is not for the Government to take a view on the appropriateness of such methodology.

Total deposits of SHGs

2345. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total deposits of SHGs in the country for the last three years, State-wise;

(b) what is the total credit given to SHGs in the country for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of people generated wealth through SHGs in the country for the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the turn-over figures of economic activities of SHGs for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) Data on deposits of Self Help Groups (SHGs) at the country level and member-wise data on SHGs are not being compiled by NABARD or any other agency at present. The loans provided by SHGs to their members are not purpose specific and the end use of the loan is not monitored.

The State-wise amount of bank loan provided to SHGs during the last three years is given in Statement.